

OLD BLACKS RAILROAD STATION
Chestertown, Maryland
(ca 1900)

The railroad came to Kent County in 1872 with stops at Massey's Junction, Lambson Station, Black Station, Kennedyville, Still Pond, Lynch, Worton, and Chestertown. Major stations were located at Chestertown and Kennedyville with those in between used for passenger service. Formerly the Black's Station, this little building has the widely overhanging roof and shingle siding so characteristic of small train stations all over the Eastern Shore. Moved to its present site in the 1940's the old station is now used as a residence.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC OLD BLACKS RAILROAD STATION

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATIONSTREET & NUMBER West side Route 297, one mile north of
Hopewell Corner

CITY, TOWN *Chestertown* VICINITY OF *1st*
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
STATE *Maryland* COUNTY *Kent* 21620

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTYNAME *Howell C. Crew*Telephone #: *301-778-2810*

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Ave.

CITY, TOWN *Chestertown* VICINITY OF *STATE, zip code*
Maryland 21620

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. *Kent County Court House*Liber #: *WHG 21*
Folio #: *598*

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN *Chestertown, Maryland* 21620

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The little railroad station which formerly served Black is a frame structure three bays long and one room deep. One-and-one-half stories tall, the building is covered by a steep gable roof which overhangs in the front to provide cover for a former passenger platform. The roof is symmetrical although the building underneath it is assymetrical. The framing members of the roof are exposed and chamfered, a decorative treatment reflecting the influence of the Stick Style of the 1860's and 1870's. Three large chamfered brackets on the front of the building support the ends of the eave.

The main entry is in the center bay of the front facade. The door is well over 7' in height with two large lower panels and a 6-pane window above.

Flanking the door are a pair of six over six sash windows with their panes set horizontally. Centered in the gables to illuminate the attic is a pair of three over three sash windows. Beneath these windows is another six over six sash window .

The front wall, the gables, and a part of the rear of the building have been covered with red asphalt imitation brick shingles. Where an addition has been constructed on the back of the building, however, the original finish of the exterior walls is still visible. The wainscoting portion of the wall is made up of horizontal boarding with wooden shingles above. Both are painted a medium brown . The chamfered edges of the structural members are "picked out" in dark red. This is probably the original color scheme.

The interior is divided into a waiting area and a smaller ticket sales office. The stove which heated the building was located in the waiting room and vented into a square brick chimney in the center of the building. The interior rooms have a narrow-board wainscoting and windows and doors enframed with wide flat moldings. The ticket seller's window, glazed with rolled glass, is still in place. There is also a second floor loft reached by a corner stair enclosed in boarding.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES ca 1905

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Kent County Railroad Company

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Old Black Station was one of eight 19th century railroad stations constructed in Kent County. They were built by the Kent County Railroad Company between 1869 when work on the railroad began in earnest and 1872 when it reached Chestertown. The two major stops for the trains were at Chestertown and at Kennedyville where larger freight and passenger terminals were constructed. On intermediate stops stood the smaller buildings used primarily for passengers.¹ This is one of two smaller stations that are still in existence.² The building is similiar in size and in detail to many of the other stations which stood in small rural towns in this part of the county. Stylistically it shows the influence of the Stick and Shingle Styles of Architecture in its use of exposed structural timbers and exterior cladding materials.

The building was moved to this location by Kenneth A. Clark in the 1940's and converted into a residence.

1. These stops were Worton, Lynch, Still Pond, Black, Lambson, and Massey's Junction.
2. The other is Worton Station. Chestertown Station is standing in its original location. (K-413.) Kennedyville Station has been moved to Wilmington, Delaware.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Kent County Land Records, Kent County Court House, Chestertown, Maryland.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
Marsha L. Fritz, Survey Consultant

ORGANIZATION DATE
Kent County Planning Commission 778-4600, ext.67

STREET & NUMBER TELEPHONE
Court House

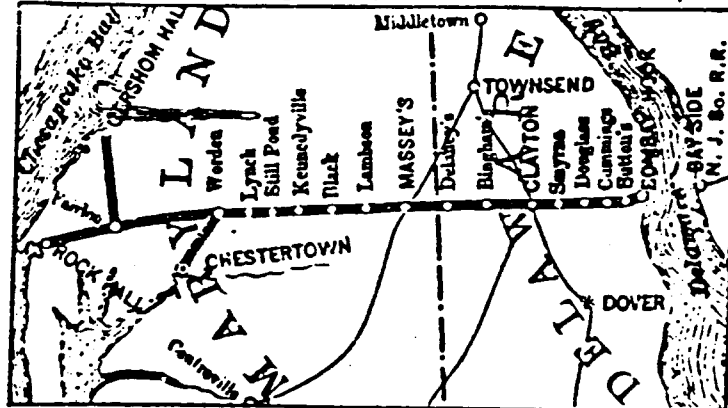
CITY OR TOWN STATE
Chestertown, MD 2162-

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Pas. Pas. Pas. M			September 20, 1880.		M Pas. Mix.		
P. M. A. M.	P. M. A. M.	P. M. A. M.	LEAVE	ARRIVE	P. M. A. M.	P. M. A. M.	
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8 15	8 10	11 45	live Philadelphia arr	8 28	8 25	8 25	
			(Philadelphia time.)		P. M. A. M.	P. M. A. M.	
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7 35	10 05	2 08	live Middletown arr	11 26	8 25	8 25	
10 10	11 10	2 40	live Bombay Hook arr	11 26	8 25	8 25	
9 35	11 25	2 55	live Clayton ¹ arr	11 26	8 25	8 25	
9 35	11 45	3 00	Bingham's	11 26	8 25	8 25	
8 50	11 55	3 15	Delaney's	11 26	8 25	8 25	
8 08	12 10	3 30	Massey's Junc. ²	11 26	8 25	8 25	
8 15	12 20	3 40	Lambson	11 26	8 25	8 25	
8 25	12 30	3 50	Black	11 26	8 25	8 25	
8 30	12 45	4 05	Kennedyville	11 26	8 25	8 25	
8 40	12 50	4 05	Still Pond	11 26	8 25	8 25	
8 45	1 05	4 10	Lynch	11 26	8 25	8 25	
10 00	1 15	4 30	Worren	11 26	8 25	8 25	
			Chestertown	11 26	8 25	8 25	
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View to West

Chestertown

Kent County

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